

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **CANCEL** Claims <sup>1</sup>1-34 and <sup>61</sup>61-71 without prejudice or disclaimer

Please **ADD** new claims 72-80.

*Rule 1.26* <sup>61</sup>~~72~~ (NEW) A method for requesting credit for a customer comprising:  
generating customer information about the customer and an expected arrival of the customer at a location;  
transmitting the customer information to a credit provider as part of a request for a line of credit for the customer;  
receiving from the credit provider an indicator that the line of credit has been approved or denied;  
creating a second data record indicating a credit status for the customer.

*A* <sup>62</sup>~~73~~ (NEW) The method of claim <sup>61</sup>~~72~~, further comprising  
receiving acceptance of the line of credit by the customer; and  
transmitting to the credit provider an activation code reflecting acceptance by the customer of the line of credit.

<sup>63</sup>~~74~~ (NEW) The method of claim <sup>61</sup>~~72~~, further comprising  
evaluating the customer information to prescreen the customer to determine whether to transmit the customer information to the credit provider.

<sup>64</sup>~~75~~ (NEW) The method of claim <sup>61</sup>~~72~~, wherein the step of creating the first data record includes  
recording a requested line of credit amount as part of the customer information.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~72~~<sup>61</sup>, wherein the step of creating the first data record includes storing, as part of the customer information, a customer transaction history.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~72~~<sup>61</sup>, further comprising receiving from the credit provider an indication of an amount of credit the credit provider is willing to authorize.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~77~~<sup>66</sup>, further comprising transmitting to the credit provider a guarantee of a credit amount over the authorized amount of credit.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~72~~<sup>61</sup>, further comprising offering financial incentives to the customer to accept the credit line.

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(NEW) The method of claim ~~79~~<sup>68</sup>, further comprising providing the customer the financial incentives.--